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QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, INCLUDING POLICIES OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND SEGREGATION AND OF APARTHEID, IN ALL COUNTRIES, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO COLONIAL AND OTHER DEPENDENT COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES: REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMISSION UNDER COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTION 8 (XXXIII)

Letter dated 1 June 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Palestine to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Under-Secretary-General for Human Rights

1. For the eighth consecutive day, the Israeli occupation authorities have imposed a military blockade on the Gaza Strip and a curfew on the camps of Nuseirat, Maghazi and Bureij and on the town and camp of Deir el-Balah, thus bringing the threat of dreadful famine to the Strip, where mass punishment is clearly being inflicted on its citizens, numbering over half a million Palestinians, in gross and flagrant violation of the provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention. The embargo is now permeated by brutal acts on the part of the occupation authorities and Israeli settlers, such as destroying private property, setting fire to domestic furnishings, uprooting fruit-bearing trees, shooting to kill and randomly and arbitrarily arresting groups of youths.

2. On 31 May 1992, the Israeli occupation authorities also stormed the village of Aqraba, south-east of Nablus, and randomly arrested the following 71 Palestinians:

1. Magda Hamed Bani Muniya
2. Farhan Hamed Bani Muniya
3. Hani Majid Bani Muniya
4. Jada'an Mahmud Bani Muniya
5. Majid Dhib Bani Muniya
6. Kamal Shahhada Bani Muniya
7. Bilal Shahhada Bani Muniya
8. Yusuf Muhammad Bani Muniya
9. Zahi Wadi' Bani Jabir
10. Fouad Wadi' Bani Muniya
11. Mufid Wadi' Bani Muniya
12. Ahmad Zayid Bani Muniya
13. Mahmud Ahmad Bani Jabir
14. Zakariya Ahmad Bani Jabir
15. Muhammad Abdullah Bani Jabir
16. Fathi Mustafa Bani Jabir
17. Amjad Farid Dairiya
18. Muhammad Rifa'at Dairiya
19. Nawwaf Nayif Bani Hamid
20. Khalil Rabi' Bani Jabir
21. Nayiq Salim Bani Jabir
22. Adnan Rajih Bani Jabir
23. Adil Hamed Bani Jabir
24. Sabri Ahmad Bani Jabir
25. Basim Ahmad Bani Jabir
26. Samir Hussein Bani Jabir
27. Ribhi Nayif Bani Jabir
28. Khair Muhammad Bani Jabir
29. Majid Muhammad Bani Fadhl
30. Bilal Hamd Bani Fadhl
31. Muhammad Nassar Bani Fadhl
32. Haitham Fawzi Bani Fadhl
33. Bilal Muhammad Bani Jami'
34. Ghassan Muhammad Bani Jami'
35. Ahmad Khalid Dairiya
36. Mahmud Abdullah Bani Jabir
37. Rizqallah Abdullah Bani Jabir
38. Hussein Shukri Dairiya
39. Raghib Sa'ada Dairiya
40. Adib Arif Dairiya
41. Samer Izzat Dairiya
42. Salem Izzat Dairiya
43. Abdullah Izzat Dairiya
44. Khairallah Mahmud Dairiya
45. Ayman Musa Dairiya
46. Muhammad Musa Dairiya
47. Hussam Nayif Dairiya

48. Samed Abdul Karim Hilal
49. Ra'id Na'im al-Badri
50. Samer Khairallah Abu Salah
51. Izzat Ibrahim Dairiya
52. Ismail Mahmud Abu Kibr
53. Dhiban Rifa'at Dairiya
54. Muhammad Abdul Fattah Hulw
55. Dhaifallah Hassan Ibrahim
56. Murad Tawfiq al-Shayyib
57. Sami Ahmad Abu Hammad
58. Ayman Rizq Dairiya
59. Aysar Rizq Dairiya
60. Raja' Rizq Dairiya
61. Mahir Faris Abu Saqr
62. Fathi Faris Abu Saqr
63. Tahir Faris Abu Saqr
64. Fadi Faris Abu Saqr
65. Nafedh al-Hajj Abu Saqr
66. Osama Khidr Dairiya
67. Bishar Muhammad Dairiya
68. Muhammad Abu Hadib Dairiya
69. Ibrahim Mahmud Abu Kibr
70. Ahmad Farid Dairiya
71. Omar Muhammad Dairiya

3. Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories are currently witnessing a vigorous campaign among Israelis and Jewish settlers amid cries to kill Palestinians wherever they might be found and calls to banish them from their territory and homeland.

4. The present bloody and vehement campaign in Israel against Palestinians is being conducted under supervision from the occupation authorities and with their encouragement and protection, thereby warning of human massacres to be added to the mass slaughters perpetrated by Israel in the past and condemned at the time by the international community.

5. As a result of Israeli practices, the situation in the occupied Palestinian territories has now deteriorated to such a point, where all values and principles are renounced and where the occupation authorities have surrendered to the frenzy of power, arrogance and loathsome domination; the international community should therefore assume a major responsibility in providing international protection for the Palestinian people under Israeli occupation, particularly since it has hitherto proved unable to compel Israel, as an occupation authority in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories, to respect its international undertakings and its obligations as a member of the United Nations and a party to the Fourth Geneva Convention.

6. This memorandum is addressed to you in the hope that you, in addition to the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights, will intercede as quickly as possible with the Government of Israel to halt the practices carried out against the Palestinian people by the Israeli occupation authorities, Israeli settlers and the veiled armed groups belonging to the Israeli army, as well as

urge it to respect the principles of international law and the provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention which, in view of their universality, apply to the Palestinian occupied territories, and to abide by the resolutions of the Security Council, the General Assembly and the Commission on Human Rights, and the relevant statements of the International Committee of the Red Cross. We also request that this memorandum should be circulated as an official document of the next session of the Commission on Human Rights and the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.

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the United Nations at Geneva and the other
international organizations in Switzerland